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Mr. William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Editor of Foreign Intelligence Literary Scene, suggested that I write you about a historical research project I am working on: a general history, for a large, popular audience, of espionage and secret intelligence in modern times, in the West. I think that many different constituences, both in the Intelligence Community and among the general public, would agree that a general history of secret intelligence is badly needed today and that no other work now fills this need

As an independent scholar who is an outsider, but someone who has had some experience as an insider and extensive contacts, I believe that I would be able to provide the needed perspective and vision for such an ambitious work. I am a professional historian with an academic background in modern history, foreign affairs and area studies. My publication record includes three books, with two now in the works, and more than 100 articles. Since 1970 I have taught an undergraduate course here which is unique in American universities and colleges: it is entitled, "Espionage and History" and preparation for this course has provided materials for some of this general history of espionage project. Some time ago I served briefly, as a Reserve Officer, in U.S.Army Intelligence.

Does the C.I.A. consider proposals for grants to 'outsiders' for historical projects? I am seeking grant support for this important project for the year 1984-85. Since this work is in the general public interest and since I am a scholar with a reputation for independence, but also an advocate of a strong, sophisticated defense system, I would hope that such a proposal might at least be considered by some element in the Intelligence Community. I will appreciate any information you can provide, and I can send you, if you request, a c.v. and publications and a project outline.

Sincerely your

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